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FINAL MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Board Members

Robert B. Pinkert, O.D., President
Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., Vice-President
Caroline Griego, O.D.
Robert J. Maynard, O.D.
Curtis R. Winkler, M.D.
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

Staff:

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

Legal Counsel:

Melissa Cornelius, Assistant Attorney General

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Pinkert called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Robert B. Pinkert, O.D., President
Christina M. Sorenson, O.D., Vice President
Caroline Griego, O.D.
Curtis Winkler, M.D.

Board Members Absent: Robert J. Maynard, O.D.
Melissa Bengtson, Public Member

Legal Counsel Present: Melissa Cornelius, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Margaret Whelan, Executive Director
Paula Hollins, Licensing Administrator

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None.

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON INVESTIGATIVE REVIEWS/COMPLAINTS:

1. M.M. vs. Veronica Ralick, O.D. IR#200703

Dr. Winkler summarized the case and recommended the Board dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometric practice act.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometric practice act. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	4	X			X	X	X
NO	0						
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	2		X	X			

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

2. M.S. vs. Michael Lamb, O.D. IR#200704

Dr. Pinkert tabled to the next meeting in order to obtain a quorum.

3. S.T. vs. Vincent Piraino, O.D. IR#200706

Dr. Sorenson summarized the case and recommended the Board dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometry practice act.

MOTION: Dr. Sorenson moved to dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometric practice act. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	4	X			X	X	X
NO	0						
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	2		X	X			

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

4. P.C. vs. Martin Brussels, O.D. IR#200707

Dr. Pinkert tabled to the next meeting in order to obtain a quorum.

5. D.R. vs. Nainesh Bhakta, O.D. IR#200708

Dr. Sorenson summarized the case and recommended the Board dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometry practice act.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to dismiss the case due to lack of violation of the optometric practice act. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	4	X			X	X	X
NO	0						
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	2		X	X			

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

6. D.R. vs. Matthew Piper, O.D. IR#200709

Dr. Sorenson summarized the case and recommended the Board issue a Letter of Concern for borderline unprofessional conduct regarding personal interaction with patients.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to issue a Letter of Concern for borderline unprofessional conduct regarding personal interaction with patients.

	Vote	Caroline Griego, O.D.	Robert Maynard, O.D.	Melissa Bengtson, Public Member	Curtis Winkler, M.D.	Robert Pinkert, O.D.	Christina Sorenson, O.D.
YES	4	X			X	X	X
NO	0						
ABSTAIN	0						
ABSENT	2		X	X			

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BLOCK VOTE ON PENDING REGULAR LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

7. Bullock, Brent
8. Cabrera, Vanessa
9. McNeill, Carey
10. Myers, Joseph
11. Ormiston, Brenton
12. Shifrin, Eugene

13. Sukaromya, Sarvitree

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to approve items 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 for licensure. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Dr. Sorenson moved to approve items 7 and 11 for licensure. Dr. Pinkert seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BLOCK VOTE ON PENDING ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS:

14. Blaskovich, Katherine

15. Epstein, Arthur

16. Myers, Rochelle

MOTION: Dr. Winkler moved to approve item 15 for licensure. Dr. Pinkert seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to approve items 14 and 16 for licensure. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AS PROVIDED BY A.R.S. §32-1704(D) and A.A.C. R4-21-208:

Fiscal Year 2006/2007

	Continuing Education	Date	No. of hours requested
a.	UC Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds 2007	April 25, 2007	17 Regular
b.	2006 Florida Eye Symposium	November 18 -19, 2006	5 Regular
c.	American Academy of Optometry 2006	December 7 - 10, 2006	296 Regular

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to accept items a and c. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to accept item b for 3 Regular hours only and for Staff to obtain an outline for Medical Errors course. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

H. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF IR#200702:

The Board reviewed the request and took no action.

I. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

17. September 15, 2006 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Griego moved to approve tab 17 as written. Dr. Pinkert seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

J. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:

The Board discussed and reviewed the policy submitted by the Executive Director.

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to approve the tuition reimbursement policy as written. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

K. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON USE OF NAME STAMP ON PRESCRIPTIONS:

The Board discussed the issue of handwritten versus rubber-stamped signatures on prescriptions and determined that an O.D. may use a rubber stamp if the name on the stamp is a real signature and not a printed name.

L. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PROPOSED RULES:

18. Draft Rules

The Board discussed and reviewed the rules packet submitted by the Executive Director.

M. REQUEST FROM STAFF FOR THE BOARD, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-1704(G), TO DELEGATE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE ABILITY TO TRIAGE A COMPLAINT AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT WARRANTS INVESTIGATION.

The Board discussed the issue of reviewing initial contact to the Board office to allow Staff to determine if the complaint warrants investigation.

MOTION: Dr. Sorenson moved to delegate the Executive Director the ability to triage a complaint and determine whether it warrants investigation. Dr. Griego seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

N. ELECTION OF OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §32-1703(A):

MOTION: Dr. Pinkert moved to elect Dr. Sorenson, President and Dr. Griego, Vice President of the Arizona State Board of Optometry effective January 2007. Dr. Winkler seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0.

O. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Whelan reported on administrative Board business.

P. CALL TO PUBLIC:

Dr. Pinkert made a call to the public at 11:14a.m. No one was present to address the Board.

Dr. Pinkert moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Sorenson seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

END OF MINUTES:

Margaret Whelan, Executive Director

Date